This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1(currently amended): A ~~computerized~~ method for the management and monitoring of leverage relating to financial transactions, the method comprising <u>steps of</u>:

identifying an entity;

quantifying an aggregate net exposure relating to financial positions held by the identified entity, wherein the positions are held in multiple <u>products</u> and <u>multiple</u> market segments <u>and the aggregate net exposure is quantified using cross-product netting and cross-agreement netting</u>;

determining a value for collateral dedicated to offset the exposure;

and managing leverage relating to the collateral to offset the exposure<u>,</u>

<u>wherein at least one of the steps is performed by a computer</u>.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method of claim 1<u>,</u> wherein the entity comprises a hierarchy of related entities.

Claim 3(currently amended): The method of claim 1<u>,</u> wherein the <u>aggregate net</u> exposure is quantified as a monetary value in a local currency.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the <u>aggregate net</u> exposure is quantified according to market data.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The method of claim 4, wherein the market data is quantified using a calculation of the median of multiple values.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the value of the collateral is determined from the liquidation price of property underlying the collateral.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The method of claim 6, wherein multiple types of property underlie the collateral.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, additionally comprising: monitoring the leverage in real time.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, additionally comprising: calculating an aggregate exposure accumulation comprising cross-entity exposure netting, cross product exposure netting and cross agreement exposure netting.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, additionally comprising: calculating a current percentage margin and implementing an action plan if the current percentage margin falls below a predetermined level.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the collateral comprises a financial instrument to which a monetary value can be attached.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the financial positions are based on trading activities conducted in an exchange market.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the financial positions are based on trading activities executed in an off-exchange market.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, additionally comprising displaying data relating to the leverage and exposure to a party and a counterparty involved on a user interface machine.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, additionally comprising managing the leverage according to rules specific to conditions and requirements of a particular market segment.

Claim 16(currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein leverage is managed across market segments.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein leverage is aggregated across market segments.

Claim 18(currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the entity comprises a volume purchase group.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein managing leverage comprises ~~monitizing~~ <u>monetizing</u> unrealized positions from one market sector to cross-fund positions in another sector.

Claim 20 (canceled):

Claim 21 (canceled):

Claim 22 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, additionally comprising computing net exposure values separately for financial product groupings and accumulating product grouping totals according to a parent entity.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The method of claim 1, additionally comprising accumulating market product segments forming a composite of exposure across market segments.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A ~~computerized~~ method of managing collateral for financial transactions, the method comprising the steps of:

settling a trade consummating a financial deal relating to a particular market segment;

monitoring exposure levels across market segments to determine if exposure remains within a predetermined tolerance; and

initiating communication for additional collateral resultant to the exposure exceeding the predetermined tolerance,

wherein at least one of the steps is performed using a computer.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A ~~computerized~~ method for the management and monitoring of leverage relating to financial transactions, the method comprising the steps of:

identifying a market segment;

quantifying an aggregate net exposure resulting from positions relating to the identified market segment;

determining a value for collateral dedicated to offset the net exposure; and

valuing exposure for the market segment,

wherein at least one of the steps is performed using a computer.

Claim 26(original): The method of claim 25 wherein the market segment relates to a specific industry.

Claim 27(currently amended): A method of securing an online transaction comprising:

quantifying an exposure relating to a financial transaction executed online using cross-product netting and cross-agreement netting;

allocating collateral to offset the exposure; and

re-allocating the collateral in response to a mitigating event removing or lessening the exposure.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The method of claim 27, wherein the mitigating event is a subsequent transaction.

Claim 29(currently amended): The method of claim 27 or 28, wherein the online transaction is a sale of goods.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The method of claim 27 or 28, wherein the online transaction is resultant to an online auction.

Claim 31 (currently amended): A computer system for managing leverage relating to a financial position, the system comprising:

a processor;

a storage medium;

programmable code stored in the storage medium and operative with the processor to: identify an entity or hierarchy of related entities;

aggregate a net exposure resulting from the identified entity, or hierarchy of related entities, having financial positions in multiple market segments using cross product netting and cross-agreement netting;

determine a value for collateral dedicated to offset the exposure; and

manage leverage of the collateral.

Claim 32 (currently amended): The computer system of claim 31, additionally comprising: a data management engine operative according to programmable code to process conditional values based upon market conditions and perform currency translations.

Claim 33 (currently amended): The computer system of claim 32, further comprising a business logic engine operative to perform calculations according to rule sets.

Claim 34 (currently amended): The computer system of claim 32, additionally comprising an event notification engine to receive and publish information.

Claim 35 (currently amended): A computer data signal embodied in a digital data stream comprising data including aggregated exposure and collateral data, wherein the computer data signal is generated by a method comprising the steps of:

aggregating an exposure across multiple market segments that is calculated on a computer using cross-product netting and cross-agreement netting;

determining a value for collateral dedicated to offset the exposure; and

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managing leverage created by the ratio of the collateral to the exposure.

Claim 36 (currently amended): The computer data signal of Claim 35, wherein the exposure relates to a particular entity.

Claim 37 (currently amended): The computer data signal of claim 35, wherein the exposure related to a particular industry.

Claim 38(currently amended): Computer executable program code residing on a computer-readable medium, the program code comprising instructions for causing the computer to:

    aggregating an exposure across multiple market segments using cross-product netting and cross-agreement netting;

    determining a value for collateral dedicated to offset the exposure; and

    managing leverage created by the ratio of the collateral to the exposure.

Claim 39 (currently amended): A method of interacting with a network access device so as to provide leverage management of collateral, the method comprising the steps of:

    accessing a server on a computer network;

    receiving data relating to an exposure, wherein the exposure is resultant to an aggregation of financial positions held by an entity in multiple market segments;

    determining a value for collateral dedicated to offset the exposure using cross-agreement netting and cross-product netting; and

    managing leverage created by the ratio of the collateral to the exposure.

Claim 40 (currently amended): An ~~interface displayable on an~~ electronic display, ~~the interface~~ screen for a computing device comprising:

>> a ~~geographic~~ first area containing a description of a trading entity;

>> a ~~geographic~~ second area containing an aggregate exposure resulting from the trading entity having financial positions in multiple market segments that is calculated on a computer using cross-product netting and cross-agreement netting; and

>> a ~~geographic~~ third area containing a recommended action relating to a current percentage margin relating to the aggregate exposure, wherein said recommended action is determined using information in said second area.

Claim 41(canceled):

Claim 42 (canceled):

Claim 43 (currently amended): The ~~interface~~ electronic display of claim 40, additionally comprising a Party-Counterparty view mode selector.

Claim 44 (currently amended): The ~~interface~~ electronic display of claim 40, additionally comprising an area displaying product or market segregation.

Claim 45 (currently amended): The ~~interface~~ electronic display of claim 40, additionally comprising an area displaying a net replacement value.

Claim 46 (currently amended): The ~~interface~~ electronic display of claim 40, additionally comprising an area displaying a required margin for a product or market area.

Claim 47(currently amended): The ~~interface~~ <u>electronic display</u> of claim 40, additionally comprising an area displaying collateral confirmed settled from a custodian.

Claim 48(currently amended): The ~~interface~~ <u>electronic display</u> of claim 40, additionally comprising an area displaying collateral pledged but not yet confirmed settlement from a custodian.

Claim 49 (currently amended): The ~~interface~~ <u>electronic display</u> of claim 40, additionally comprising an area displaying a choice box for translating a monetary value into different currencies.

Claim 50 (currently amended): An ~~interface displayable on an~~ electronic display, ~~the interface~~ comprising:

a ~~geographic~~ <u>first</u> area containing details relating to an online transaction for a sale of goods; and

a ~~geographic~~ <u>second</u> area displaying collateral posted by a party via an online leverage margin monitoring management system, wherein the collateral is posted until consummation of the transaction and <u>the collateral is calculated on a computer using cross-product and cross-agreement netting</u>.